Schemes for supply of drinking water to Himachal Pradesh

*27. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes sanctioned for providing pure drinking water in rural, backward and snow bound areas of Himachal Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) the year wise amount released in this regard to Himachal Pradesh by the Central Government during the last five years; and

(c) the amount spent by Himachal Pradesh on their own during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. The Government of India provides financial assistance to the States under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Powers to approve and implement water supply schemes under ARWSP have been delegated to the State Governments. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that 1986 schemes have been sanctioned during the last five years. Details of funds released by the Government of India to Himachal Pradesh under ARWSP and Desert Development Programme (DDP) component of ARWSP during the last five years are as given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	ARWSP	DDP	Total
1998-99	2913.27	26.32	2939.59
1999-2000	3075.09	32.86	3107.95
2000-2001	5091.00	293.50	5384.50
2001-2002	6452.00	5.21	6457.21
2002-2003	6525.00	4.00	6529.00 (as on 6.2.2003)

In addition, one Sector Reforms project has also been sanctioned in February, 2000 to Sirmour District of Himachal Pradesh at an approved cost of Rs. 2005 lakhs out of which Government of India share is Rs. 1857.50 lakhs. So far Rs. 557.25 lakhs have been released as Government of India share for the project.

(c) As per information received from the State Government, the amount spent by Government of Himachal Pradesh on their own during the last five years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Expenditure reported by the State Government under State Sector
1998-99	8833.00
1999-2000	7800.00
2000-2001	6417.00
2001-2002	9703.00
2002-2003	6647.00 (up to 11/2002)

Funding for rural development programmes

*29. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have not only diverted but also reneged on their share of funding key rural development programmes to the tune of a colossal Rs. 150 crore in 2001-2002 as against total dues of Rs. 2020.48 crore;

(b) if so, who were the biggest offenders in this regard;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against these States;

(d) whether as on November 12, 2002 another 2,17,211 habitations are being supplied with unsafe drinking water; and

(e) what are the efforts being made to provide safe drinking water and ensure utilization of the funds fully provided by the Centre?